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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Unemployed persons

In July 1994, the Australian labour force numbered 8,788,900 persons. In original terms, there were 803,900 unemployed persons, 10.7 per cent fewer than in July 1993. The unemployment rate was 9.1 per cent, which is 1.3 percentage points lower than in July 1993. The proportion of unemployed persons looking for full-time work was 90 per cent for males and 70 per cent for females (Table 1).

Duration of current period of unemployment

The average duration of current period of unemployment rose to 62 weeks in July 1994 from 59 weeks in June 1993. Over the same period, the median duration of current period of unemployment fell from 29 weeks to 27 weeks. Unemployed persons who were looking for full-time work had an average duration of unemployment of 73 weeks for males and 58 weeks for females. The average duration of unemployment for persons who were seeking part-time work was 40 weeks for males and 34 weeks for females (Tables 2 and 3).

Main difficulty in finding work

The most common main difficulties in finding work reported in July 1994 were 'Considered too young or too old by employers' and 'No vacancies at all'.

'Considered too young or too old by employers' was nominated by 134,100 persons, or 17 per cent of unemployed persons as their main difficulty in finding work. This proportion was similar to that in July 1993, after increasing from 14 per cent in July 1992.

The proportion of unemployed persons reporting that their main difficulty in finding work was 'No vacancies at all' decreased from 32 per cent in July 1992 to 25 per cent in July 1993 and fell again to 17 per cent (132,100 persons) in July 1994.

Over the same period, the proportion stating their main difficulty as 'No vacancies in line of work' decreased from 17 per cent in July 1992 to 16 per cent and again to 14 per cent (109,000 persons) in July 1994.

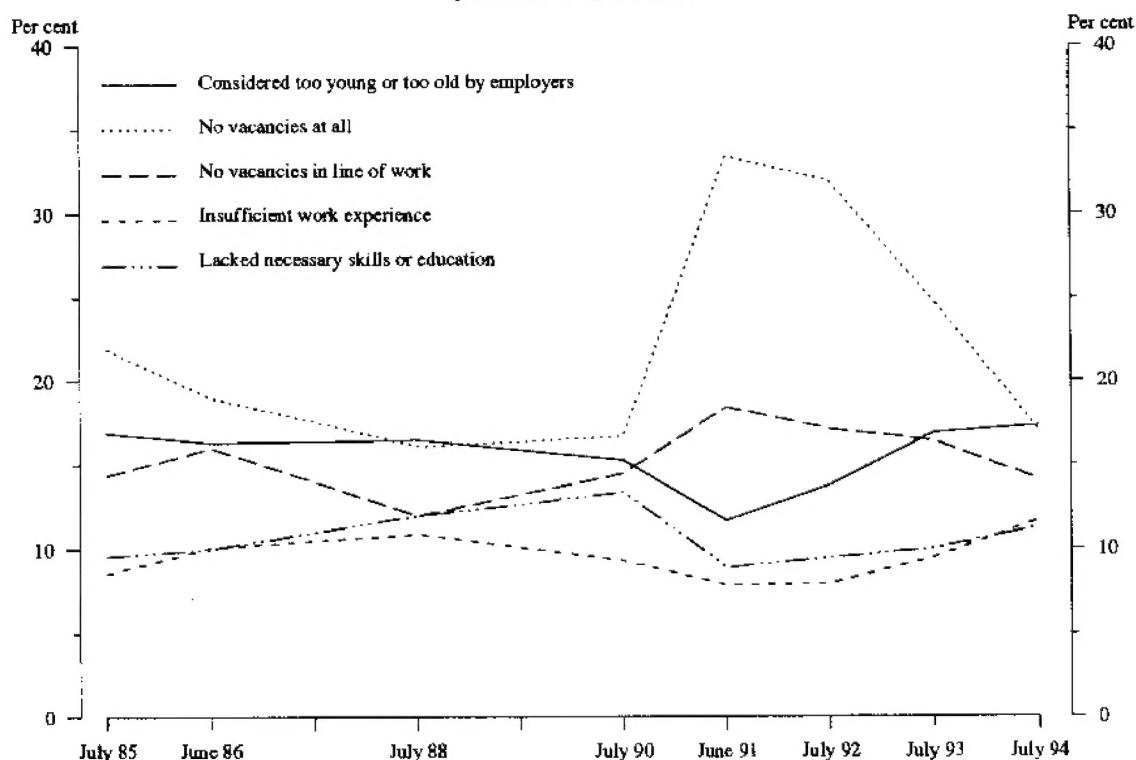
In general, the frequencies of 'Main difficulties in finding work' have returned to the levels prevailing before 1991 (Diagram 1).

A further 90,400 persons (12%) gave their main difficulty as 'Insufficient work experience' and 87,300 persons (11%) gave their main difficulty as 'Lacked necessary skills or education' (Table 2 and Diagram 1).

Of those unemployed persons born outside Australia, language difficulties were reported as the main difficulty by 13 per cent, and as one of the difficulties in finding work, by 22 per cent of this group (Tables 9 and 10).

In July 1994, persons reporting 'Language difficulties' as their main difficulty in finding work experienced the longest average duration of unemployment at 117 weeks. For those reporting 'Considered too young or too old by employers' the average duration of unemployment was 92 weeks. The shortest duration, averaging 35 weeks, related to those persons reporting 'Unsuitable hours' as their main difficulty (Table 6 and Diagram 3).

DIAGRAM 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SELECTED
MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK,
JULY 1985 TO JULY 1994



Source: Table 2

Preparedness to move if offered a suitable job

In July 1994, unemployed persons were less prepared to move interstate or intrastate, if offered a suitable job, than in the previous two years. Some 24 per cent of unemployed persons said they would move interstate if offered a suitable job, while 61 per cent reported they would not move interstate. The proportion reporting they would move interstate if offered a suitable job was 28 per cent in July 1993 (32% in July 1992).

As in previous years, more people were prepared to move intrastate (38%) than interstate (24%) if offered a suitable job. However, fewer persons were prepared to move intrastate, if offered a suitable job, than in the previous two years. The rates were 45 per cent and 42 per cent in July 1992 and July 1993 respectively (Table 2).

Age

Difficulties in finding work relating to age, that is 'Considered too young or too old by employers', were reported as the main difficulty in finding work by 7 per cent of persons aged 15 to 34 years. In comparison, this was the main difficulty for 16 per cent of persons aged 35 to 44 years, 44 per cent of persons aged 45 to 54 years and 64 per cent of persons aged 55 years and over.

The proportion of unemployed persons whose main difficulty in finding work was 'No vacancies at all' was highest for younger persons — 20 per cent of those aged 15 to 24 years compared to 12 per cent of persons aged 45 years and over. 'No vacancies in line of work' as a main difficulty was particularly reported by persons aged 25 to 44 years (18%).

The percentage of unemployed persons reporting 'Insufficient work experience' as their main difficulty in

finding work decreased with age, from 23 per cent of those aged 15 to 19 years to 4 per cent of those aged 35 years and over.

A similar trend was recorded for those who stated 'Lacked necessary skills or education' as their main difficulty — 14 per cent of persons aged 15 to 24 years falling to 6 per cent of persons aged 45 years and over (Table 8 and Diagram 2).

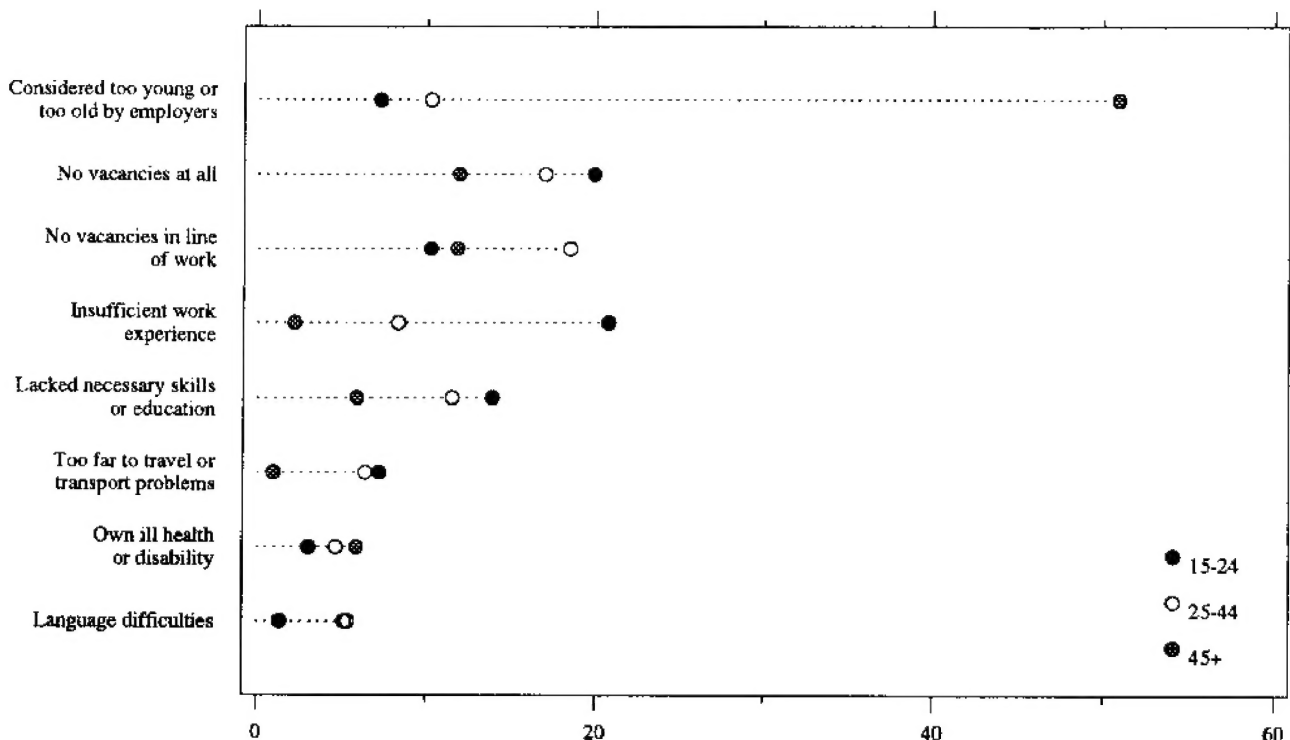
Educational attainment

In July 1994, there were 231,900 unemployed persons (30%) who had post-school qualifications. Persons with post-school qualifications had been unemployed for 9 weeks less on average than those without post-school qualifications (58 compared to 67 weeks).

Persons without post-school qualifications who did not complete the highest level of secondary school experienced an average duration of unemployment of 75 weeks. In contrast, persons without post-school qualifications who did complete the highest level of secondary school experienced an average duration of unemployment of 47 weeks. While unemployed persons with a bachelor degree or higher also had an average duration of unemployment of 47 weeks, the estimates for males and females contrasted markedly (61 weeks and 27 weeks respectively) (Table 13).

Unemployed persons with post-school qualifications were most likely to report 'No vacancies in line of work' (20%) or 'Considered too young or too old by employers' (19%). In comparison persons without post-school qualifications were most likely to report 'No vacancies at all' (18%) or 'Considered too young or too old by employers' (17%).

DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JULY 1994



Persons without post-school qualifications were more likely to report 'Lacked necessary skills, education' (14%) compared to those with post-school qualifications (6%) (Table 7).

Unemployed persons without post-school qualifications were also more likely to have never worked full time (16%) than those with post-school qualifications (12%) (Table 14).

The long term unemployed

In July 1994, 282,800 persons were long term unemployed, that is, they had been unemployed for one year or more. The long term unemployed represented 37 per cent of total unemployed in July 1994, compared with 38 per cent in July 1993.

Of the long term unemployed, 163,800 had been unemployed for 2 years or more. Those who had been unemployed for between one and two years numbered 119,000 in July 1994.

For the long term unemployed, the most frequently reported main difficulties in finding work were 'Considered too young or too old by employers' (25%) and 'No vacancies at all' (19%) (Table 6).

Of those persons who were long term unemployed:

- 66 per cent were males and 34 per cent females;
- 96 per cent of males and 82 per cent of females were looking for full-time work (Table 3);

- 89 per cent had received no offers of employment in the previous twelve months, 6 per cent had received one offer and 5 per cent had received two or more offers (Table 12); and
- 29 per cent had post-school qualifications and 69 per cent were without post-school qualifications (Table 13).

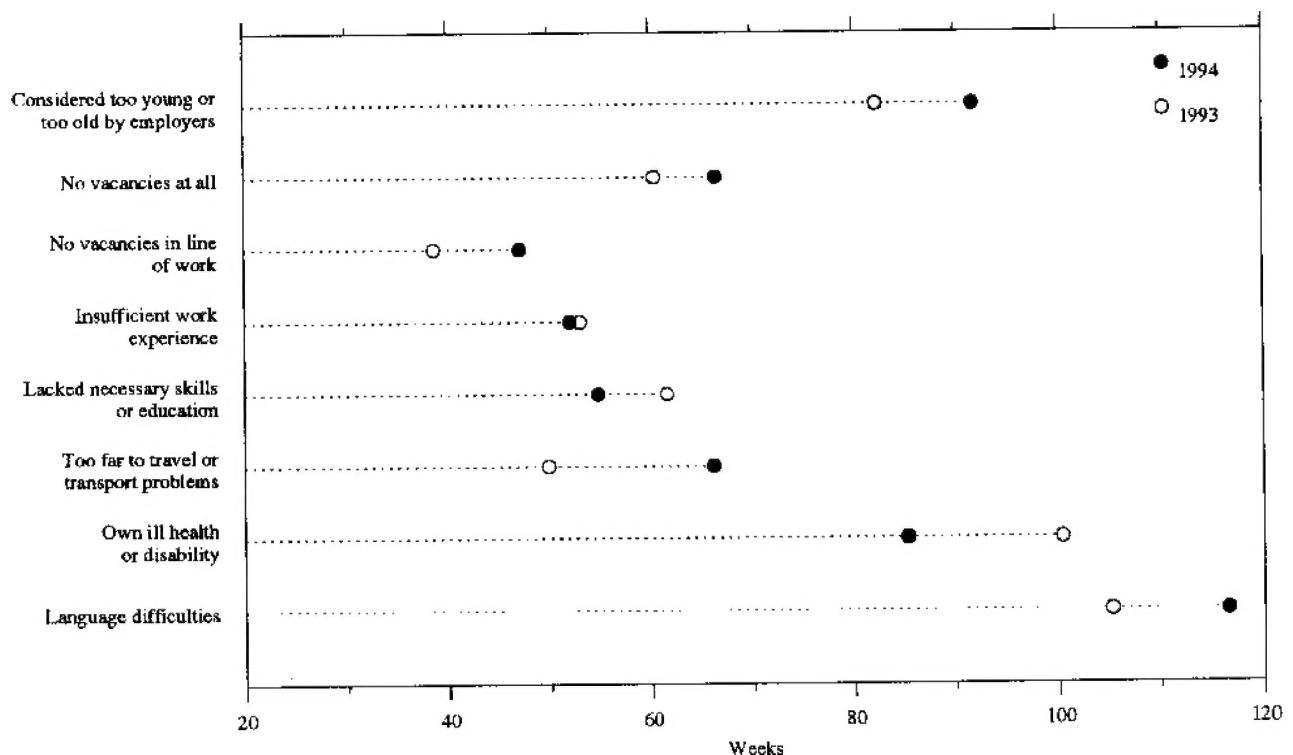
The overall mean duration of unemployment increased from 1993 (59.4 weeks) to 1994 (62.2 weeks) but the median fell, 28.9 to 26.7 weeks. The distribution of the unemployed by duration of unemployment has become increasingly skewed caused by increasing durations for the longer term unemployed and higher proportions of unemployed at short durations (Table 2).

Active steps taken to find work

Most unemployed persons were registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES). In July 1994 623,300 (81%) unemployed persons reported that they were registered with the CES.

Since July 1992, the number of unemployed persons who reported that they were registered with the CES has fallen 16 per cent. This has been consistent with the 11 per cent decrease in total unemployment over the same period. The proportion of unemployed persons registered with the CES fell slightly from 83 per cent in July 1993 (the highest level recorded since the survey was first conducted in May 1976) to 81 per cent in July 1994 (Table 2).

DIAGRAM 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1993 AND JULY 1994



Source: Table 6

Unemployed persons looking for full-time work were more likely to be registered than those looking for part-time work, with the proportion of each group registered being 89 per cent and 37 per cent respectively.

The proportion of unemployed persons reporting being registered with the CES varied with age. Of the age groups tabulated, 20 to 24 year olds and those aged 55 years and over reported the highest level of registrations (both 87%). The 15 to 19 years age group reported the lowest level of CES registrations (66%).

Of the 623,300 unemployed persons reporting being registered with the CES:

- 96 per cent of males and 86 per cent of females were looking for full-time work;
- 94 per cent reported that they had contacted prospective employers; and
- 5 per cent reported that they had taken other active steps to find work (Table 4).

Reasons for ceasing last full-time job

Of the 774,200 unemployed persons, 340,400 had wage or salary jobs as their last full-time job in the two years before July 1994. Some 222,400 (66%) of these persons left this job involuntarily (job losers), most of whom were retrenched. A high proportion (72%) of job losers were male whereas only just over half (52%) of the voluntary job leavers were male (Table 17).

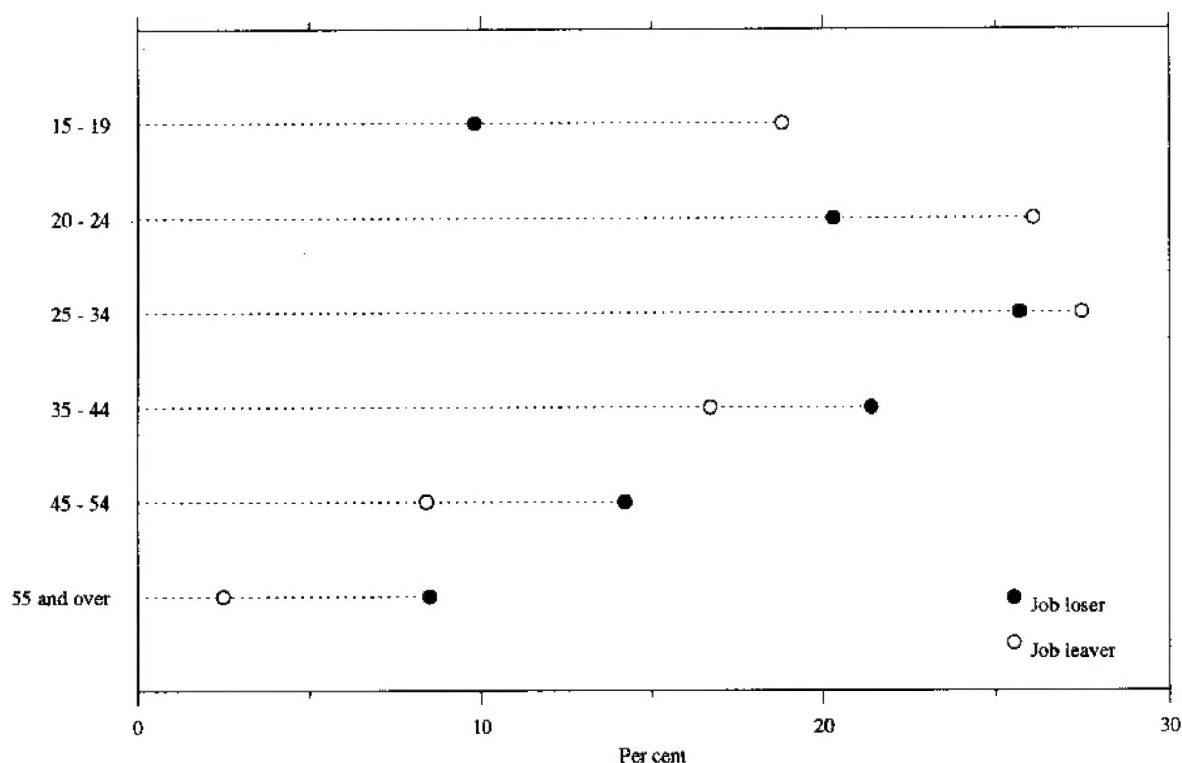
Of the 222,400 job losers:

- 30 per cent were aged under 25 years, 47 per cent were aged between 25 and 45 years and 23 per cent were aged 45 years and over (Table 17 and Diagram 4);
- 26 per cent had been employed in the Manufacturing industry and a further 21 per cent had been employed in the Wholesale and retail trade industry; and (Table 18)
- 36 per cent were Labourers and related workers and 17 per cent were Tradespersons in their last full-time job (Table 18).

Of the 118,000 job leavers:

- 45 per cent were aged under 25 years, 44 per cent were aged 25 to 45 years and 11 per cent were aged 45 years and over (Table 17 and Diagram 4);
- 26 per cent had been employed in the Wholesale and retail trade industry, 19 per cent had been employed in the Manufacturing industry and 16 per cent had been employed in the Recreation, personal and other services industry (Table 18); and
- 25 per cent were Labourers and related workers and 21 per cent were Salespersons and personal service workers in their last full-time job (Table 18).

DIAGRAM 4. JOB LOSERS AND JOB LEAVERS (WHO WERE WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST JOB, AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS) AGE DISTRIBUTION, JULY 1994



Source: Table 17

**TABLE 1. ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK,
JULY 1985 TO JULY 1994**

	July 1985	June 1986	July 1988	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994
— '000 —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	323.7	291.7	275.9	288.7	421.6	529.0	510.2	419.1
Females	151.7	163.0	152.5	166.4	214.9	257.5	251.4	233.6
Persons	475.3	454.8	428.4	455.1	636.4	786.6	761.7	652.7
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	17.9	25.8	18.6	30.0	31.3	36.5	35.7	39.0
Females	63.1	69.5	56.5	64.4	72.4	78.3	77.4	89.1
Persons	80.9	95.3	75.2	94.5	103.6	115.0	113.1	128.1
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	3.0	3.7	5.5	8.4	8.8	10.6	11.4	9.7
Females	7.6	10.0	9.8	11.4	15.2	14.2	14.3	13.4
Persons	10.6	13.7	15.3	19.8	24.1	24.8	25.7	23.1
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	344.5	321.2	300.0	327.1	461.7	576.1	557.3	467.8
Females	222.3	242.5	218.8	242.2	302.5	350.0	343.2	336.1
Persons	566.9	563.8	518.9	569.4	764.1	926.4	900.5	803.9
<i>Total, in the labour force</i>								
Males	4,461.4	4,579.2	4,723.8	4,975.4	4,949.2	5,053.8	5,041.8	5,053.5
Females	2,808.9	2,992.3	3,178.1	3,526.9	3,531.6	3,614.1	3,603.9	3,735.3
Persons	7,270.3	7,571.5	7,901.8	8,502.3	8,480.8	8,667.9	8,645.7	8,788.9
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE								
— per cent —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	7.3	6.4	5.8	5.8	8.5	10.5	10.1	8.3
Females	5.4	5.4	4.8	4.7	6.1	7.1	7.0	6.3
Persons	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	8.8	7.4
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Females	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.4
Persons	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.5
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Females	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Persons	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	7.7	7.0	6.4	6.6	9.3	11.4	11.1	9.3
Females	7.9	8.1	6.9	6.9	8.6	9.7	9.5	9.0
Persons	7.8	7.4	6.6	6.7	9.0	10.7	10.4	9.1

TABLE 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
JULY 1985 TO JULY 1994

	July 1985	June 1986	July 1988	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994	
	— per cent —							('000)	
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with the CES and :									
Took no other active steps	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	2.7
Contacted prospective employers	71.9	70.4	71.7	69.7	74.5	77.9	78.3	75.9	587.8
Took other active steps	6.7	6.9	6.1	4.7	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.2	32.8
Total	80.2	78.8	79.2	75.8	78.5	82.4	82.7	80.5	623.3
Not registered with the CES and :									
Contacted prospective employers	17.3	19.3	19.0	22.2	19.5	15.5	15.8	18.2	140.9
Took other active steps	2.5	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.6	10.0
Total	19.8	21.2	20.8	24.2	21.5	17.6	17.3	19.5	150.8
<i>Main difficulty in finding work —</i>									
Considered too young or too old by employers	16.9	16.3	16.5	15.3	11.7	13.8	16.9	17.3	134.1
No vacancies at all	21.9	19.0	16.1	16.7	33.4	31.9	24.8	17.1	132.1
No vacancies in line of work	14.4	16.0	12.0	14.5	18.4	17.1	16.4	14.1	109.0
Insufficient work experience	8.6	10.1	10.9	9.3	7.9	8.0	9.5	11.7	90.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	9.6	10.0	12.0	13.4	8.9	9.5	10.0	11.3	87.3
Too far to travel or transport problems	5.2	5.7	6.9	5.2	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.6	43.3
Own ill health or disability	5.7	5.8	6.6	6.7	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.4	33.9
Language difficulties	2.7	2.1	3.2	4.4	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.9	30.1
Unsuitable hours	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.4	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.4	18.4
Difficulties with childcare or other family responsibilities(b)	1.2	1.6	1.7	13.3
Other difficulties(c)	5.8	5.0	6.1	5.5	5.1	2.6	3.2	4.3	33.2
No difficulties reported	5.4	6.1	6.2	5.6	2.7	3.2	3.9	6.3	49.0
<i>Whether would move interstate —</i>									
Would move interstate	24.8	26.0	24.9	24.7	28.9	31.5	28.5	24.2	187.7
Would not move interstate	62.9	63.0	63.3	65.1	58.3	55.0	57.4	61.2	473.7
Moving interstate would depend :									
On job conditions	5.3	4.0	5.1	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.4	41.9
On other conditions	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.2	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.9	46.0
Total	9.7	8.9	9.5	8.3	10.2	10.4	11.4	11.4	88.0
Undecided	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.7	3.2	24.8
<i>Whether would move intrastate —</i>									
Would move intrastate	37.4	37.2	37.4	38.4	42.6	44.9	41.7	37.5	290.3
Would not move intrastate	48.3	49.8	48.5	49.5	43.3	39.9	42.6	47.0	363.8
Moving intrastate would depend :									
On job conditions	4.8	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.5	42.4
On other conditions	7.4	7.4	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.0	8.1	7.6	58.7
Total	12.2	11.2	12.1	10.5	12.2	12.9	13.2	13.1	101.1
Undecided	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.4	18.9
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	67.7	69.8	68.9	77.0	75.3	63.2	62.0	63.5	491.4
1 and under 4 weeks	13.6	12.7	15.8	18.1	11.4	8.9	10.7	12.3	95.2
4 and under 8 weeks	9.8	11.7	12.4	14.9	11.0	8.5	9.3	9.8	75.9
8 and under 13 weeks	8.7	9.3	9.4	10.7	11.0	7.3	7.5	6.9	53.8
13 and under 26 weeks	14.7	19.8	13.2	15.4	22.5	15.1	13.7	15.4	119.6
26 and under 52 weeks	20.9	16.3	18.1	17.9	19.4	23.4	20.8	19.0	146.8
1 year and over	32.3	30.2	31.2	23.0	24.8	36.8	38.0	36.5	282.8
1 and under 2 years	..	12.3	13.2	9.9	13.9	20.6	17.3	15.4	119.0
2 years and over	..	17.9	18.0	13.1	10.9	16.2	20.8	21.2	163.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	774.2
	— weeks —								
Average duration	51.9	52.2	53.1	46.7	43.7	54.7	59.4	62.2	
Median duration	26.0	21.9	23.7	15.6	21.6	29.5	28.9	26.7	

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Collected separately for the first time in 1992. (c) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1994

	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>			<i>Looking for part-time work</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
— '000 —									
<i>State or Territory of usual residence —</i>									
New South Wales	139.7	79.3	219.0	8.8	27.0	35.7	148.5	106.3	254.8
Victoria	110.6	62.0	172.6	12.1	25.7	37.8	122.7	87.7	210.5
Queensland	68.9	41.9	110.8	8.8	15.2	23.9	77.7	57.1	134.7
South Australia	40.0	20.8	60.7	*2.5	8.2	10.7	42.5	29.0	71.5
Western Australia	36.4	15.2	51.6	3.9	9.5	13.4	40.4	24.7	65.0
Tasmania	12.8	6.8	19.6	*1.0	*1.4	2.5	13.8	8.3	22.1
Northern Territory	2.6	1.8	4.4	*0.8	*0.4	*1.2	3.4	2.2	5.6
Australian Capital Territory	4.6	2.6	7.3	0.9	1.8	2.8	5.6	4.5	10.0
<i>Age —</i>									
15-19	43.1	44.1	87.2	19.8	30.3	50.1	62.9	74.4	137.3
20-24	82.3	50.2	132.5	8.3	7.4	15.7	90.6	57.6	148.2
25-34	105.8	54.1	159.9	*4.4	21.1	25.6	110.2	75.3	185.5
35-44	80.6	46.0	126.5	*1.5	18.6	20.1	82.0	64.6	146.6
45-54	59.8	30.4	90.2	*1.3	8.1	9.4	61.1	38.5	99.5
55 and over	44.0	5.7	49.7	*3.7	*3.6	7.3	47.7	9.4	57.0
<i>Relationship in household —</i>									
Family member	305.6	171.4	477.0	30.8	78.6	109.4	336.4	250.0	586.4
Husband or wife	187.1	80.2	267.3	5.3	38.2	43.5	192.4	118.4	310.8
With dependants	119.4	48.5	167.9	*1.8	30.7	32.4	121.2	79.2	200.3
Without dependants	67.8	31.7	99.5	*3.5	7.5	11.1	71.3	39.3	110.5
Lone parent	6.1	29.4	35.5	*0.8	12.4	13.2	7.0	41.8	48.7
Other family person(b)	112.3	61.8	174.2	24.7	28.0	52.7	137.0	89.8	226.8
Non-family member	91.6	46.9	138.5	6.4	6.8	13.2	98.1	53.7	151.7
Lone person	44.1	20.9	65.0	*2.3	*3.5	5.8	46.3	24.4	70.8
Not living alone	47.5	26.0	73.6	*4.2	*3.3	7.4	51.7	29.3	81.0
Not determined	18.4	12.1	30.5	*1.7	*3.8	5.5	20.1	15.9	36.0
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	287.0	161.4	448.4	29.8	65.1	95.0	316.9	226.5	543.3
Born outside Australia	128.6	69.1	197.7	9.1	24.1	33.1	137.7	93.2	230.8
Born in main English speaking countries	43.7	17.4	61.1	*2.4	8.3	10.7	46.2	25.7	71.9
Born in other countries	84.9	51.7	136.6	6.6	15.8	22.4	91.5	67.5	159.0
<i>Educational attainment —</i>									
With post-school qualifications	134.7	70.8	205.5	6.4	19.9	26.3	141.1	90.8	231.9
Bachelor degree or higher	31.5	18.2	49.7	*1.5	*3.2	*4.7	32.9	21.4	54.3
Undergraduate diploma	5.5	*3.2	8.7	*0.8	*2.5	*3.3	6.3	5.7	12.0
Associate diploma	18.9	10.4	29.3	*1.1	*4.6	5.6	19.9	15.0	34.9
Skilled vocational qualification	64.2	9.6	73.8	*2.7	*1.8	*4.5	66.9	11.4	78.3
Basic vocational qualification	14.7	29.5	44.1	*0.4	7.8	8.2	15.1	37.2	52.3
Without post-school qualifications(c)	278.4	158.1	436.4	18.1	49.7	67.8	296.5	207.7	504.2
Completed highest level of secondary school	63.1	46.5	109.6	11.1	19.3	30.5	74.2	65.9	140.1
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	215.3	111.1	326.4	6.6	29.4	36.1	221.9	140.6	362.4
Left aged 15 and under	116.9	56.5	173.4	*3.2	14.6	17.8	120.2	71.0	191.2
Left aged 16 and over	98.3	54.6	153.0	*3.4	14.9	18.3	101.7	69.5	171.3
Still at school	*2.6	*1.6	*4.1	14.4	19.6	34.0	17.0	21.1	38.1
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	237.4	150.5	387.9	31.8	71.7	103.4	269.2	222.2	491.4
1 and under 4 weeks	38.0	26.2	64.2	9.6	21.4	31.1	47.6	47.7	95.2
4 and under 8 weeks	32.5	24.6	57.1	6.1	12.8	18.9	38.6	37.4	75.9
8 and under 13 weeks	27.4	17.0	44.5	*2.3	7.0	9.3	29.7	24.1	53.8
13 and under 26 weeks	64.6	36.1	100.7	6.1	12.7	18.9	70.8	48.8	119.6
26 and under 39 weeks	55.9	35.5	91.4	6.1	14.6	20.7	62.0	50.0	112.0
39 and under 52 weeks	19.0	11.1	30.1	*1.5	*3.1	*4.6	20.5	14.3	34.8
1 year and over	178.2	79.9	258.1	7.1	17.5	24.6	185.3	97.4	282.8
1 and under 2 years	71.0	34.6	105.6	*4.1	9.2	13.4	75.2	43.8	119.0
2 years and over	107.2	45.3	152.5	*3.0	8.3	11.3	110.2	53.6	163.8
Total	415.6	230.4	646.1	38.9	89.2	128.1	454.5	319.6	774.2
— weeks —									
<i>Average duration</i>	72.6	58.2	67.4	40.3	33.6	35.6	69.8	51.3	62.2
<i>Median duration</i>	33.8	26.1	29.8	15.3	13.3	14.7	30.3	25.1	26.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises dependent student, non-dependent child and other family person.
(c) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1994
(^{'000})

Active steps taken to find work	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Registered with the CES and —									
Took no other active steps	*0.7	*1.3	*2.0	*0.3	*0.4	*0.7	*1.1	*1.6	*2.7
Contacted prospective employers	368.6	179.2	547.7	13.8	26.2	40.0	382.4	205.4	587.8
Took other active steps	14.6	11.2	25.8	*1.8	5.2	7.0	16.3	16.5	32.8
Total	383.9	191.7	575.6	15.9	31.8	47.7	399.8	223.5	623.3
Not registered with the CES and —									
Contacted prospective employers	30.2	36.4	66.6	21.0	53.3	74.3	51.2	89.7	140.9
Took other active steps	*1.6	*2.4	*3.9	*2.0	*4.1	6.0	*3.5	6.4	10.0
Total	31.7	38.8	70.5	23.0	57.4	80.4	54.7	96.1	150.8
Total	415.6	230.4	646.1	38.9	89.2	128.1	454.5	319.6	774.2

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND AGE, JULY 1994

Active steps taken to find work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*0.6	*0.5	*0.3	*1.0	*0.3	*0.0	*2.7
Contacted prospective employers	86.6	121.7	143.8	108.1	80.8	46.8	587.8
Took other active steps	*3.5	6.9	8.3	8.4	*2.7	*3.0	32.8
Total	90.8	129.1	152.4	117.4	83.9	49.8	623.3
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	44.2	18.7	29.9	27.6	13.6	6.8	140.9
Took other active steps	*2.3	*0.4	*3.2	*1.6	*2.1	*0.4	10.0
Total	46.5	19.1	33.1	29.2	15.7	7.2	150.8
Total	137.3	148.2	185.5	146.6	99.5	57.0	774.2
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	14.6	20.7	24.4	18.8	13.5	8.0	100.0
Not registered with the CES	30.9	12.6	22.0	19.4	10.4	4.8	100.0
Total	17.7	19.1	24.0	18.9	12.9	7.4	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1994

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	— '000 —									
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.5	8.4	*4.6	17.6	22.9	25.0	47.1	134.1	91.8	51.4
No vacancies at all	9.4	11.9	11.6	20.4	25.8	25.0	28.0	132.1	66.5	29.1
No vacancies in line of work	14.8	13.0	11.0	19.5	22.6	11.8	16.2	109.0	47.1	21.3
Insufficient work experience	9.2	10.2	7.4	13.8	18.5	15.0	16.3	90.4	52.0	26.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	9.3	5.6	6.4	14.4	19.2	18.0	14.4	87.3	54.8	29.1
Too far to travel, transport problems	*3.8	5.3	*2.7	6.2	9.5	6.0	9.9	43.3	66.2	30.4
Own ill health or disability	5.0	*2.4	*0.9	*3.9	6.2	*3.5	12.1	33.9	85.3	41.6
Language difficulties	*0.1	*1.1	*1.9	*4.6	*4.8	5.5	12.1	30.1	116.5	68.9
Unsuitable hours	*3.2	*2.1	*1.3	*4.1	*4.5	*1.4	*1.7	18.4	34.8	20.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.5	*1.8	*1.5	*0.8	*2.3	*1.7	*1.8	13.3	39.4	*11.6
Other difficulties(b)	*4.4	4.9	*0.9	7.6	6.7	5.0	*3.8	33.2	45.2	21.4
No difficulties reported	24.0	9.2	*3.6	6.7	*3.9	*1.1	*0.5	49.0	9.5	3.1
Total	95.2	75.9	53.8	119.6	146.8	119.0	163.8	774.2	62.2	26.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1994
(*000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Educational attainment									Total(b)	Total(c)
	With post-school qualifications					Without post-school qualifications					
	Bachelor degree or higher	Under-graduate or associate diploma	Skilled vocational qualification	Basic vocational qualification	Total	Completed highest level of secondary school	Did not complete highest level of secondary school				
							Left aged 15 and under	Left aged 16 and over			
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.3	7.4	21.8	8.5	45.0	17.2	48.7	21.0	87.0	134.1	
No vacancies at all	*2.1	5.9	12.5	8.4	28.9	19.8	39.9	32.6	92.7	132.1	
No vacancies in line of work	14.0	8.8	16.7	6.2	45.7	18.1	23.0	20.9	61.9	109.0	
Insufficient work experience	9.3	5.2	*2.8	7.4	24.6	28.2	11.2	20.8	60.2	90.4	
Lacked necessary skills or education	*1.1	*4.0	*3.6	5.6	14.3	18.9	22.3	28.7	69.9	87.3	
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.0	*1.2	*3.9	*3.6	8.7	7.2	9.8	15.4	32.5	43.3	
Own ill health or disability	*2.4	*1.3	*4.7	*0.9	9.4	*4.5	12.6	7.5	24.5	33.9	
Language difficulties	*3.2	*2.6	*1.3	*0.9	8.0	7.4	9.2	*4.2	22.2	30.1	
Unsuitable hours	*1.5	*2.1	*1.4	*1.7	6.8	5.0	*1.4	*2.2	8.6	18.4	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	*0.3	*0.1	*2.3	*3.0	*3.2	*3.6	*3.6	10.3	13.3	
Other difficulties(d)	5.9	5.0	6.1	*3.2	20.2	*2.3	*4.6	5.3	12.2	33.2	
No difficulties reported	7.2	*3.3	*3.4	*3.6	17.5	8.2	4.8	9.1	22.1	49.0	
Total	54.3	47.0	78.3	52.3	231.9	140.1	191.2	171.3	504.2	774.2	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons still at school. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JULY 1994
(*000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
Considered too young or too old by employers	9.0	11.5	11.2	22.8	43.4	36.2	134.1
No vacancies at all	31.7	25.2	32.6	23.9	11.7	7.0	132.1
No vacancies in line of work	10.8	18.3	36.7	24.7	14.1	*4.4	109.0
Insufficient work experience	31.3	28.1	19.8	7.8	*3.4	*0.0	90.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	18.8	20.9	21.3	16.9	8.5	*0.8	87.3
Too far to travel, transport problems	8.9	11.7	13.6	7.5	*1.2	*0.3	43.3
Own ill health or disability	*1.9	7.0	7.1	8.5	6.3	*3.0	33.9
Language difficulties	*0.7	*3.2	10.6	7.4	*3.9	*4.3	30.1
Unsuitable hours	5.1	*4.8	*4.7	*3.8	*0.0	*0.0	18.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.9	*3.2	6.3	*2.6	*0.3	*0.0	13.3
Other difficulties(b)	*2.8	*3.7	11.0	11.7	*3.8	*0.3	33.2
No difficulties reported	15.4	10.6	10.7	9.0	*2.9	*0.4	49.0
Total	137.3	148.2	185.5	146.6	99.5	57.0	774.2

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1994

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
— '000 —									
Considered too young or too old by employers	52.4	30.8	83.2	35.6	15.3	51.0	88.0	46.1	134.1
No vacancies at all	68.2	36.1	104.2	18.0	9.8	27.9	86.2	45.9	132.1
No vacancies in line of work	53.7	25.1	78.8	20.3	9.9	30.2	74.0	35.0	109.0
Insufficient work experience	36.9	32.9	69.8	8.5	12.2	20.6	45.4	45.0	90.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	34.7	32.9	67.6	12.9	6.7	19.6	47.7	39.6	87.3
Too far to travel, transport problems	19.2	13.4	32.6	6.9	*3.9	10.8	26.1	17.2	43.3
Own ill health or disability	15.7	7.8	23.5	7.8	*2.6	10.4	23.5	10.4	33.9
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	14.4	15.7	30.1	14.4	15.7	30.1
Unsuitable hours	5.2	8.0	13.2	*0.2	5.0	5.2	5.4	13.0	18.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.7	9.2	10.9	*0.6	*1.9	*2.5	*2.3	11.1	13.3
Other difficulties(b)	13.5	8.5	21.9	6.6	*4.7	11.3	20.1	13.2	33.2
No difficulties reported	15.7	22.0	37.7	5.8	5.5	11.3	21.5	27.5	49.0
Total	316.9	226.5	543.3	137.7	93.2	230.8	454.5	319.6	774.2
— per cent —									
Considered too young or too old by employers	16.5	13.6	15.3	25.9	16.5	22.1	19.4	14.4	17.3
No vacancies at all	21.5	15.9	19.2	13.1	10.5	12.1	19.0	14.4	17.1
No vacancies in line of work	16.9	11.1	14.5	14.7	10.6	13.1	16.3	11.0	14.1
Insufficient work experience	11.7	14.5	12.8	6.2	13.0	8.9	10.0	14.1	11.7
Lacked necessary skills or education	11.0	14.5	12.4	9.4	7.2	8.5	10.5	12.4	11.3
Too far to travel, transport problems	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.0	*4.1	4.7	5.7	5.4	5.6
Own ill health or disability	5.0	3.5	4.3	5.6	*2.8	4.5	5.2	3.3	4.4
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	10.5	16.9	13.1	3.2	4.9	3.9
Unsuitable hours	1.6	3.5	2.4	*0.1	5.4	2.3	1.2	4.1	2.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.5	4.1	2.0	*0.4	*2.0	*1.1	*0.5	3.5	1.7
Other difficulties(b)	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.8	*5.1	4.9	4.4	4.1	4.3
No difficulties reported	5.0	9.7	6.9	4.2	5.9	4.9	4.7	8.6	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1994

All difficulties in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
— '000 —									
No vacancies at all	134.1	82.2	216.3	43.6	22.7	66.3	177.7	104.8	282.6
No vacancies in line of work	131.4	71.5	203.0	50.5	28.9	79.3	181.9	100.4	282.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	110.5	74.6	185.2	57.6	28.6	86.2	168.2	103.2	271.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	113.1	81.4	194.6	40.2	25.7	65.9	153.4	107.1	260.5
Insufficient work experience	92.5	75.3	167.9	27.4	31.5	58.9	119.9	106.8	226.8
Too far to travel, transport problems	61.0	51.6	112.7	18.2	14.7	33.0	79.3	66.4	145.6
Own ill health or disability	33.2	17.5	50.7	15.2	*4.7	19.9	48.4	22.1	70.5
Unsuitable hours	14.1	29.9	44.0	*4.8	12.0	16.8	18.9	41.8	60.7
Language difficulties	*1.7	*2.5	*4.2	27.7	21.8	49.6	29.4	24.3	53.7
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.8	14.9	18.7	*0.9	*3.2	*4.1	*4.7	18.1	22.8
Other difficulties(b)	27.4	18.5	45.9	13.8	7.7	21.6	41.2	26.3	67.5
— per cent —									
No vacancies at all	42.3	36.3	39.8	31.7	24.3	28.7	39.1	32.8	36.5
No vacancies in line of work	41.5	31.6	37.4	36.6	31.0	34.4	40.0	31.4	36.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	34.9	33.0	34.1	41.9	30.7	37.3	37.0	32.3	35.1
Lacked necessary skills or education	35.7	36.0	35.8	29.2	27.5	28.5	33.7	33.5	33.6
Insufficient work experience	29.2	33.3	30.9	19.9	33.8	25.5	26.4	33.4	29.3
Too far to travel, transport problems	19.3	22.8	20.7	13.3	15.8	14.3	17.4	20.8	18.8
Own ill health or disability	10.5	7.7	9.3	11.0	*5.0	8.6	10.6	6.9	9.1
Unsuitable hours	4.5	13.2	8.1	*3.5	12.8	7.3	4.2	13.1	7.8
Language difficulties	*0.5	*1.1	*0.8	20.1	23.4	21.5	6.5	7.6	6.9
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.2	6.6	3.4	*0.7	*3.5	*1.8	*1.0	5.7	2.9
Other difficulties(b)	8.6	8.2	8.4	10.1	8.3	9.4	9.1	8.2	8.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND AGE, JULY 1994
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Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	54.2	75.1	95.2	73.9	57.3	45.8	401.4
Two or more	8.7	15.5	15.1	8.2	*3.8	*1.9	53.1
Total	62.9	90.6	110.2	82.0	61.1	47.7	454.5
FEMALES							
One	64.4	50.7	67.8	59.4	35.9	9.4	287.6
Two or more	9.9	6.9	7.5	5.2	*2.6	*0.0	32.1
Total	74.4	57.6	75.3	64.6	38.5	9.4	319.6
PERSONS							
One	118.6	125.8	163.0	133.3	93.1	55.1	689.0
Two	15.2	17.6	17.6	9.6	*4.4	*1.0	65.4
Three or more	*3.5	*4.8	4.9	*3.8	*2.0	*0.8	19.8
Total	137.3	148.2	185.5	146.6	99.5	57.0	774.2

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1994

Number of offers of employment in the previous twelve months	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	— '000 —									
	MALES									
None	38.9	31.6	27.1	59.8	68.5	67.7	97.2	390.9	70.8	31.5
One or more	8.6	6.9	*2.7	10.9	14.0	7.5	13.0	63.6	63.6	26.4
Total	47.6	38.6	29.7	70.8	82.5	75.2	110.2	454.5	69.8	30.3
FEMALES										
None	37.7	32.5	21.1	40.5	56.6	39.0	49.0	276.4	53.3	25.4
One or more	10.0	4.9	*2.9	8.3	7.7	*4.8	*4.6	43.2	38.3	14.2
Total	47.7	37.4	24.1	48.8	64.3	43.8	53.6	319.6	51.3	25.1
PERSONS										
None	76.6	64.1	48.2	100.3	125.2	106.7	146.3	667.3	63.6	27.4
One	12.8	9.5	*1.9	12.7	13.7	8.1	8.1	66.8	40.8	19.6
Two or more	5.9	*2.3	*3.7	6.5	8.0	*4.1	9.5	40.1	74.3	27.5
Total	95.2	75.9	53.8	119.6	146.8	119.0	163.8	774.2	62.2	26.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1994

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	— '000 —									
MALES										
With post-school qualifications	16.6	12.7	9.8	22.2	27.6	20.6	31.5	141.1	62.5	29.2
Bachelor degree or higher	5.3	*1.4	*0.9	7.1	8.2	*4.6	5.4	32.9	61.0	25.6
Undergraduate diploma	*0.0	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*2.1	*0.7	*2.1	6.3	*64.9	*32.9
Associate diploma	*2.7	*1.4	*1.5	*3.7	*4.3	*1.1	5.3	19.9	62.0	25.8
Skilled vocational qualification	6.7	7.7	5.0	9.0	10.3	11.6	16.7	66.9	66.0	35.5
Basic vocational qualification	*1.9	*1.7	*2.0	*2.0	*2.7	*2.6	*2.1	15.1	50.2	*23.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	25.0	23.4	18.8	46.3	51.6	52.8	78.6	296.5	76.3	34.8
Completed highest level of secondary school	10.4	5.9	*3.2	14.1	16.6	10.4	13.6	74.2	54.7	25.7
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	14.6	17.4	15.6	32.2	35.0	42.3	64.7	221.9	83.3	43.6
Left aged 15 and under	8.0	8.4	7.2	15.6	18.0	22.1	40.9	120.2	97.0	50.7
Left aged 16 and over	6.6	9.1	8.4	16.7	17.0	20.2	23.8	101.7	67.2	35.2
Still at school	6.0	*2.5	*1.1	*2.2	*3.4	*1.8	*0.0	17.0	16.9	*6.0
Total	47.6	38.6	29.7	70.8	82.5	75.2	110.2	454.5	69.8	30.3
FEMALES										
With post-school qualifications	13.8	13.2	4.9	14.8	14.7	13.1	16.3	90.8	50.2	23.7
Bachelor degree or higher	*4.5	*4.2	*0.7	*4.3	5.1	*1.6	*0.9	21.4	26.6	14.4
Undergraduate diploma	*1.0	*0.4	*1.1	*0.3	*1.3	*0.6	*0.9	5.7	*62.3	*24.6
Associate diploma	*2.2	*1.7	*0.9	*1.8	*2.6	*4.0	*1.7	15.0	53.4	*26.5
Skilled vocational qualification	*2.0	*2.4	*1.3	*1.6	*0.6	*0.7	*2.8	11.4	52.0	*12.3
Basic vocational qualification	*4.1	*4.5	*0.9	6.8	5.1	6.1	9.8	37.2	60.0	32.3
Without post-school qualifications(b)	28.0	20.6	17.1	31.6	46.3	27.9	36.2	207.7	54.6	25.5
Completed highest level of secondary school	10.7	8.4	6.3	10.0	14.1	8.5	7.9	65.9	38.0	19.8
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	17.3	12.0	10.9	21.6	32.2	19.4	27.2	140.6	61.4	26.3
Left aged 15 and under	9.3	4.9	*4.7	9.9	17.0	9.2	15.9	71.0	72.7	27.4
Left aged 16 and over	8.0	7.1	6.1	11.7	15.2	10.2	11.3	69.5	49.9	25.7
Still at school	5.9	*3.6	*2.0	*2.3	*3.3	*2.9	*1.1	21.1	23.8	7.6
Total	47.7	37.4	24.1	48.8	64.3	43.8	53.6	319.6	51.3	25.1
PERSONS										
With post-school qualifications	30.3	25.9	14.7	37.1	42.3	33.7	47.8	231.9	57.7	26.4
Bachelor degree or higher	9.7	5.6	*1.6	11.4	13.4	6.3	6.4	54.3	47.4	22.0
Undergraduate diploma	*1.0	*0.9	*1.6	*0.8	*3.4	*1.2	*3.1	12.0	63.6	*27.7
Associate diploma	4.9	*3.1	*2.4	5.5	6.8	5.1	7.0	34.9	58.3	26.0
Skilled vocational qualification	8.7	10.0	6.2	10.6	10.9	12.3	19.5	78.3	63.9	29.8
Basic vocational qualification	5.9	6.2	*2.9	8.8	7.8	8.8	11.9	52.3	57.2	28.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	53.0	44.0	35.9	77.9	97.8	80.6	114.9	504.2	67.4	28.0
Completed highest level of secondary school	21.1	14.3	9.5	24.1	30.6	18.9	21.5	140.1	46.8	25.1
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	31.9	29.4	26.4	53.8	67.2	61.7	91.9	362.4	74.8	33.5
Left aged 15 and under	17.3	13.3	11.9	25.5	35.0	31.3	56.8	191.2	88.0	40.5
Left aged 16 and over	14.6	16.1	14.5	28.3	32.2	30.4	35.1	171.3	60.2	29.2
Still at school	11.9	6.1	*3.2	*4.5	6.7	*4.7	*1.1	38.1	20.7	7.0
Total	95.2	75.9	53.8	119.6	146.8	119.0	163.8	774.2	62.2	26.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN FIELD OF STUDY AND WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME, JULY 1994
(^{'000})

Main field of study	Whether had worked full time		Total		
	Had never worked full time	Had worked full time	Males	Females	Persons
With post-school qualifications	27.5	204.4	141.1	90.8	231.9
Business and administration	*4.5	42.9	15.2	32.1	47.3
Health	*1.2	8.2	*1.5	8.0	9.5
Education	*2.8	16.4	7.5	11.6	19.2
Society and culture	7.8	21.6	12.5	16.9	29.4
Natural and physical sciences	*1.8	8.1	6.1	*3.7	9.8
Engineering	*3.6	53.2	52.1	*4.7	56.8
Architecture and building	*2.0	23.8	23.3	*2.5	25.9
Agriculture and related fields	*1.1	5.6	5.9	*0.7	6.7
Miscellaneous fields(b)	*2.7	24.6	16.8	10.5	27.3
Without post-school qualifications(c)	80.1	424.0	296.5	207.7	504.2
Still at school	35.8	*2.4	17.0	21.1	38.1
Total	143.4	630.8	454.5	319.6	774.2

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes 'Other non-codable' fields of study. (c) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1994
(^{'000})

Relationship in household	Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months							Total
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 39 weeks	39 and under 52 weeks	52 weeks	
Family member	64.7	52.6	34.6	89.9	93.0	42.3	209.3	586.4
Husband or wife	28.2	24.6	16.7	48.3	43.1	25.6	124.4	310.8
With dependants	19.5	14.9	10.2	31.8	30.7	18.3	75.0	200.3
Without dependants	8.7	9.7	6.5	16.6	12.4	7.3	49.4	110.5
Lone parent	5.0	*4.8	*3.0	7.8	8.4	*3.0	16.8	48.7
With dependants	4.9	*4.3	*2.6	5.9	6.2	*1.9	12.0	37.8
Without dependants	*0.1	*0.5	*0.4	*2.0	*2.2	*1.1	*4.8	11.0
Dependent student	13.9	9.4	*4.0	6.9	11.2	*1.2	8.9	55.7
Non-dependent child	14.5	12.6	9.8	23.4	27.3	9.6	45.4	142.6
Other family person	*3.0	*1.3	*1.2	*3.4	*3.0	*2.8	13.8	28.6
Non-family member	9.3	11.3	10.5	27.6	21.0	11.4	60.7	151.7
Lone person	*4.4	5.4	*3.8	9.8	8.9	5.1	33.4	70.8
Not living alone	4.9	5.9	6.7	17.8	12.1	6.3	27.3	81.0
Not determined	*3.8	*3.5	*3.5	5.3	5.2	*1.9	12.8	36.0
Total	77.7	67.4	48.7	122.7	119.3	55.5	282.8	774.2

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: AGE AND DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1994
(*000)

Age group	Duration of last full-time job					1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	Total
	Under 1 year							
	2 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	Total			
15-19	6.4	5.7	16.0	6.9	35.0	9.0	*0.0	44.0
20-24	*3.9	9.0	20.8	14.6	48.3	22.1	5.6	76.0
25-34	7.6	6.6	19.8	15.2	49.2	28.3	12.2	89.7
35-44	*1.6	5.3	8.3	7.5	22.7	23.5	21.1	67.4
45-54	*1.9	*3.7	*3.9	*4.2	13.7	13.5	14.3	41.5
55 and over	*0.3	*1.6	*2.6	*1.3	5.8	*2.0	14.2	22.0
Total	21.7	31.9	71.4	49.6	174.6	98.4	67.4	340.4

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS AND REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1994
(*000)

	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						Total
	Job loser			Job leaver			
	Retrenched	Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total job loser(b)	Unsatisfactory work arrangements	Other(c)	Total job leaver	
State or Territory of usual residence —							
New South Wales	52.9	15.7	72.7	12.2	23.8	36.0	108.7
Victoria	41.2	11.4	56.2	14.5	18.2	32.7	88.9
Queensland	27.0	8.9	41.1	8.9	16.4	25.3	66.5
South Australia	13.2	6.0	20.8	*2.4	5.1	7.5	28.3
Western Australia	13.5	6.1	21.9	5.1	6.3	11.5	33.4
Tasmania	3.1	1.6	5.3	*0.6	1.6	2.2	7.5
Northern Territory	*0.6	*0.4	1.6	*0.6	*1.1	1.7	3.3
Australian Capital Territory	2.1	*0.7	2.9	*0.5	*0.6	1.1	4.0
Age —							
15-19	14.8	5.1	21.8	10.7	11.5	22.2	44.0
20-24	27.9	13.1	45.2	10.6	20.2	30.8	76.0
25-34	37.3	16.2	57.2	12.1	20.3	32.4	89.7
35-44	36.2	7.9	47.6	7.1	12.6	19.7	67.4
45-54	21.6	7.1	31.6	*4.2	5.7	9.9	41.5
55 and over	15.7	*1.4	19.0	*0.2	*2.8	*3.0	22.0
Birthplace —							
Born in Australia	110.5	38.6	162.9	37.8	52.9	90.7	253.6
Born outside Australia	43.1	12.1	59.5	7.1	20.3	27.3	86.9
Born in main English speaking countries	15.8	5.6	23.6	*2.3	5.9	8.2	31.8
Born in other countries	27.2	6.5	35.9	*4.8	14.4	19.2	55.1
Educational attainment —							
With post-school qualifications	48.3	20.0	73.8	12.9	26.0	39.0	112.7
Without post-school qualifications(d)	104.9	30.7	148.2	31.9	45.4	77.3	225.5
Still at school	*0.4	*0.0	*0.4	*0.0	*1.8	*1.8	*2.2
Sex —							
Males	118.1	31.0	160.8	25.0	36.4	61.4	222.2
Females	35.5	19.7	61.6	19.9	36.8	56.6	118.2
Total	153.6	50.7	222.4	44.9	73.2	118.0	340.4

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes 'Own ill health or disability'. (c) Includes 'Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies'. (d) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 18. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: CHARACTERISTICS OF, AND REASON FOR CEASING, LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1994
(*000)

Characteristics of last full-time job	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						Total
	Retrenched	Job loser		Job leaver		Total job leaver	
		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total job loser(b)	Unsatisfactory work arrangements	Other(c)		
<i>Duration —</i>							
Under 1 year	65.4	46.3	119.6	24.9	30.0	54.9	174.6
2 and under 4 weeks	*4.5	9.5	14.4	*3.0	*4.3	7.2	21.7
4 and under 8 weeks	10.0	12.6	24.0	*3.8	*4.0	7.8	31.9
8 and under 26 weeks	31.1	16.0	50.4	10.7	10.4	21.1	71.4
26 and under 52 weeks	19.8	8.2	30.8	7.4	11.4	18.8	49.6
1 and under 2 years	19.7	*1.9	24.5	6.7	8.3	15.0	39.5
2 and under 5 years	27.8	*1.5	33.2	7.9	17.8	25.7	59.0
5 years and over	40.6	*1.0	45.1	5.4	17.0	22.4	67.4
<i>Industry —</i>							
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*4.3	9.7	14.5	*1.5	*2.9	*4.3	18.8
Manufacturing	43.4	8.8	58.4	9.0	13.6	22.5	80.9
Construction	15.1	*4.0	20.6	*1.4	*3.8	5.2	25.7
Wholesale and retail trade	37.0	5.2	45.7	12.4	17.8	30.2	75.9
Transport and storage	7.2	*1.4	9.7	*3.4	*3.3	6.7	16.5
Finance, property and business services	11.7	*2.8	15.6	*3.2	*4.3	7.5	23.0
Public administration and defence	*2.4	*3.7	6.9	*1.6	*4.7	6.3	13.2
Community services	9.5	10.0	20.7	*3.6	10.5	14.1	34.8
Recreation, personal and other services	15.7	*2.6	20.2	8.6	10.6	19.2	39.4
Other	7.3	*2.3	10.3	*0.2	*1.7	*1.9	12.2
<i>Occupation —</i>							
Managers and administrators	4.9	*0.6	6.1	*1.3	*2.6	*3.9	10.0
Professionals	7.6	5.0	14.1	*0.9	10.7	11.5	25.6
Para-professionals	*3.8	*1.8	6.7	*1.1	*2.6	*3.7	10.4
Tradespersons	31.4	*4.4	38.5	8.0	9.5	17.5	56.0
Clerks	13.9	9.0	24.2	7.1	10.7	17.8	42.0
Salespersons and personal service workers	22.8	*2.8	28.6	7.8	17.3	25.1	53.7
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	20.1	*3.1	25.2	*4.6	*4.6	9.2	34.4
Labourers and related workers	49.0	24.1	79.0	14.1	15.2	29.4	108.3
<i>Usual gross weekly pay —</i>							
Australian currency (\$) —							
Under 160	152.9	47.7	218.7	44.2	64.6	108.8	327.5
160 and under 320	*4.2	*2.5	8.0	*3.2	5.3	8.6	16.5
320 and under 480	34.4	12.6	50.5	17.5	22.3	39.8	90.3
480 and under 640	63.6	19.6	89.8	14.4	19.1	33.4	123.2
640 and under 800	30.8	7.6	41.6	6.6	10.9	17.5	59.2
800 and over	10.9	*4.0	15.8	*0.9	*2.8	*3.7	19.5
Other(d)	9.1	*1.4	13.1	*1.5	*4.2	5.7	18.7
	*0.7	*3.0	*3.7	*0.7	8.6	9.3	13.0
Total	153.6	50.7	222.4	44.9	73.2	118.0	340.4

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes 'Own ill health or disability'. (c) Includes 'Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies'. (d) Includes 'not determined', 'non-Australian currency' and 'payment in kind'.

TABLE 19. POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, JULY 1994
(*000)

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	254.8	210.5	134.7	71.5	65.0	22.1	5.6	10.0	774.2
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	108.7	88.9	66.5	28.3	33.4	7.5	3.3	4.0	340.4

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains results of a supplementary survey run in association with the July 1994 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked about their job search experience, including their difficulties in finding work, steps taken to find work and whether they had had offers of employment, as well as their educational attainment and the particulars of their last job, if any.

Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to unemployed persons excluding those who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown. Students at boarding school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols etc were also excluded.

4. The number of unemployed persons published in *The Labour Force, Australia, July 1994* (6203.0) differs from that published for this survey because persons who were stood down were excluded, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience. Persons who were stood down comprised 2.9 per cent of all unemployed persons.

Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

6. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

7. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

Results of the survey

8. Estimates of unemployed persons are also published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). However, more detailed information is contained in this publication.

9. The estimates in this publication refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

10. Results of similar surveys, conducted in May 1976, November 1976, annually from May 1977 to June 1986, July 1988, July 1990, June 1991 and annually from July 1992, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

11. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in July 1995.

Unpublished statistics

12. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the Labour Force Inquiries contacts given on page 29.

Comparability of series

13. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to the whole of the previous twelve months which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining duration of current period of unemployment depend on a detailed set of questions. The items *time spent looking for work* and *number of spells of looking for work during the previous twelve months* are based on a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the term *looking for work* is used for these items rather than the more precisely defined term *unemployed*.

Discontinuities in the series

14. The educational attainment data item in this survey has been classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The major difference between data collected according to the ABSCQ and the previous classification used is that the level of attainment and field of study in the ABSCQ are two distinct elements. Persons who received a qualification from a course of study of less than one semester full-time duration are excluded from the new classification. The ABSCQ was used for the first time in the July 1993 issue of this publication. For a more detailed explanation of the ABSCQ, see Information Paper, *Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications — ABSCQ* (1263.0).

Changes in families classifications

15. The *Relationship in household* classification has been introduced to align with recently established ABS standards. Most categories in the new classification remain comparable with categories in the previous classification, *Family Status*. The cases in which there are breaks in comparability are discussed in the following paragraphs.

(a) *Lone parents* (previously referred to as *Sole parents*) now includes parents with non-dependent children (provided those children are without a spouse or children of their own).

(b) *Dependent students* (previously *Full-time students aged 15-24*) now comprise sons or daughters (of a couple or a lone parent) aged 15 to 19 attending

school or aged 15 to 24 attending a tertiary educational institution full time. Other related full-time students, who were also previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15-24* are now included in *Other family persons*.

(c) *Other family persons* now comprises the previous groups:

- Other family head (excluding those now counted as *Lone parents*);
- Other related full-time students (previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15-24*) and;
- Other relative of married couple or family head.

For further details refer to *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Sample size

16. In previous years this supplementary survey has been conducted on all dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. Since July 1994 this has been reduced to seven-eighths of the Labour Force Survey Sample. As a result the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

Estimation procedure

17. The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age, sex and labour force status rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

18. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For further information refer to the Technical Notes, page 18.

Related publications

19. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) — issued monthly

Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia (6245.0) — issued biennially.

Australia's Long-Term Unemployed - A Statistical Profile (6255.0) — issued irregularly

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224.0) — issued annually

Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0) — issued annually

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0) — issued annually

Underemployed Workers, Australia (6265.0) — issued irregularly

20. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products*, (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes, page 18.
- .. not applicable

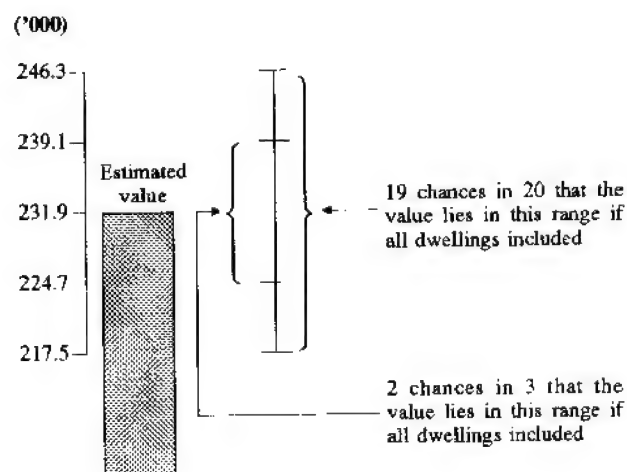
21. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 13 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who had a post-school qualification was 231,900. Since this estimate is between 200,000 and 300,000, the table on the following page shows the standard error for Australia will be between 6,800 and 8,100 and can be approximated by interpolation as 7,200 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 224,700 to 239,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 217,500 to 246,300. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



4. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

5. The relative standard errors of estimates of *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median and then multiplying the number so obtained by the following relevant factors:

Average duration of unemployment: 1.3
Median duration of unemployment: 2.0

6. An example of the calculation of standard errors by the use of those factors is as follows. Table 3 shows the estimated median duration of unemployment for unemployed males in Australia was 30 weeks and the number of unemployed males was estimated as 454,500. From the table on the following page it can be calculated that this estimate (454,500) has a standard error of about 9,500 and therefore a relative standard error of about 2.1 per cent. The *relative standard error* of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.1) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.1 \times 2.0 = 4.2$ per cent. The *standard error* of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.2 per cent of 30, i.e. about 1. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for unemployed males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 29 to 31 weeks and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 28 to 32 weeks.

7. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is:

$$RSE (x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE (x)]^2 + [RSE (y)]^2}$$

8. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, the 231,900 persons with post-school qualifications represent 30.0 per cent of the 774,200 unemployed persons. The standard error of 774,200 is approximately 11,600 so the relative standard error is 1.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 231,900 is 3.1 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(3.1)^2 - (1.5)^2}$ or 2.7 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (30.0%) of 0.8 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons who had a post-school qualification is between 29.2 per cent and 30.8 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 28.4 per cent to 31.6 per cent.

9. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two

estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE (x-y) = \sqrt{[SE (x)]^2 + [SE (y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

10. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	
									— number —	Relative standard error (per cent)
100	.	.	.	140	.	100	110	80	.	.
200	.	.	220	200	220	140	150	110	210	104.5
300	.	320	280	240	270	180	180	130	260	88.3
400	420	370	320	280	310	210	200	150	310	78.2
500	480	410	360	310	350	230	220	170	360	71.0
600	520	460	390	340	380	250	240	180	390	65.6
700	570	490	420	370	410	270	260	200	430	61.3
800	610	530	450	400	440	290	270	210	460	57.8
900	640	560	480	420	460	310	290	220	490	54.8
1,000	680	590	510	440	490	320	300	230	520	52.3
1,100	710	620	530	460	510	340	320	240	550	50.1
1,200	740	650	550	480	530	350	330	250	580	48.2
1,300	770	680	580	500	550	370	340	260	600	46.4
1,400	800	700	600	520	570	380	350	270	630	44.9
1,500	830	730	620	540	590	390	360	270	650	43.5
1,600	860	750	640	550	610	400	370	280	680	42.2
1,700	880	770	660	570	630	410	390	290	700	41.1
1,800	910	800	670	580	640	420	400	300	720	40.0
1,900	930	820	690	600	660	430	410	300	740	39.0
2,000	950	840	710	610	670	440	410	310	760	38.1
2,500	1,050	940	790	680	750	490	460	340	860	34.3
3,000	1,150	1,000	860	740	810	530	500	370	940	31.4
3,500	1,250	1,100	920	790	870	560	540	390	1,000	29.2
4,000	1,350	1,150	980	840	920	590	570	420	1,100	27.4
4,500	1,400	1,250	1,050	890	970	620	600	440	1,150	25.9
5,000	1,500	1,300	1,100	930	1,000	650	630	460	1,250	24.6
6,000	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,000	1,100	700	690	490	1,350	22.5
8,000	1,850	1,600	1,350	1,150	1,250	780	780	550	1,550	19.5
10,000	2,050	1,800	1,500	1,250	1,400	840	870	610	1,750	17.4
20,000	2,750	2,450	2,000	1,700	1,850	1,050	1,200	790	2,450	12.2
30,000	3,300	2,900	2,400	2,000	2,200	1,200	1,450	930	2,950	9.8
40,000	3,700	3,300	2,700	2,250	2,450	1,350	1,650	1,050	3,350	8.4
50,000	4,100	3,600	3,000	2,450	2,700	1,400	1,850	1,100	3,750	7.5
100,000	5,400	4,800	3,950	3,200	3,550	1,700	2,550	1,450	5,100	5.1
200,000	7,100	6,300	5,200	4,150	4,650	2,050	3,550	1,850	6,800	3.4
300,000	8,300	7,300	6,000	4,800	5,400	2,200	.	2,100	8,100	2.7
400,000	9,200	8,200	6,700	5,300	6,000	2,350	.	.	9,100	2.3
500,000	10,000	8,900	7,300	5,700	6,500	2,450	.	.	9,900	2.0
1,000,000	12,900	11,300	9,400	7,200	8,300	.	.	.	13,000	1.3
2,000,000	16,400	14,300	11,900	9,000	10,500	.	.	.	16,800	0.8

GLOSSARY

Active steps taken to find work: steps taken during the current period of unemployment. They comprise: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

All difficulties in finding work: all difficulties experienced during the current period of unemployment.

All unemployed persons: those persons who were not employed during the reference week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week, and:

- (a) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or
- (b) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

Average duration (of current period of unemployment): the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Ceased last full-time job: left or lost last full-time job.

CES: Commonwealth Employment Service.

Duration of current period of unemployment: the period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference week. Thus this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of current period of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration.

Educational attainment: measures the highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The seven categories for level of attainment are —

Higher degree: Includes doctorates and masters degrees. The minimum entry requirements are usually a masters degree or first class honours for a masters degree. The duration of study is a minimum of two to four years for a doctorate and two years full-time or equivalent for a masters degree.

Postgraduate diploma: Include Graduate Certificates. The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a bachelor degree or an undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or equivalent.

Bachelor degree: The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent.

Undergraduate diploma: The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirements, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing.

Associate diploma: The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a pre-requisite course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time or its equivalent. Advanced Certificates, Technician Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as associate diplomas.

Skilled Vocational Qualification: The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be employed concurrently in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training.

Basic Vocational Qualification: Often require Year 10 completion, however many course have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or equivalent.

Highest level of secondary school available: the highest level of secondary schooling (or equivalent) offered by the education system at the time the respondent left school.

Interstate: between States/Territories.

Intrastate: within the State/Territory.

Job: any paid employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.

Looking for part-time work: actively looking for part-time work only.

Main difficulty in finding work: the main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment.

Main field of study: for those persons whose highest qualification is a degree, vocational qualification, certificate or diploma, it is the main field of study for that qualification.

Main English speaking countries: comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A. and New Zealand

Median duration (of current period of unemployment): the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median, and the other, persons whose duration is below it.

Number of offers of employment: the number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment.

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months: the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job.

Persons with post-school qualifications: persons who have obtained a vocational qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification, since leaving school.

Respondents indicated which of the following groups best described their highest qualification: Higher degree; Postgraduate diploma; Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma; Associate diploma; Skilled Vocational Qualification; Basic Vocational Qualification.

Persons who were stood down: persons classed as unemployed who had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks, for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Relationship in household: see paragraph 15 of Explanatory Notes, page 16.

Still at school: current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.

Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months: the total number of weeks persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period.

Usual gross weekly pay: the amount of usual total weekly pay (i.e. before taxation and other deductions have been made).

SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. When ordering special tables from this survey, please ensure you identify the **population(s)** and the **data item(s)** that you require.

This section specifies the data items, categories and populations which relate to the survey and includes an order form for special tables. More detailed breakdowns of some data items are available on request.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

Refer to the glossaries in this publication and in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for definitions of data items.

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down)

POPULATION 2: Unemployed persons who were wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years (excluding those who were stood down)

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	ALL
New South Wales		Family member	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With children under 15	
South Australia		Without children under 15	
Western Australia		Lone parent	
Tasmania		With children under 15	
Northern Territory		With dependent students but without	
Australian Capital Territory		children under 15	
		Without dependants	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Dependent student	
Capital City		Non-dependent child	
Balance of State/Territory		Other family person	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Non-family member	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Lone person	
4 SEX	ALL	Not living alone	
Males		Not determined	
Females		7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF	ALL
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	ARRIVAL	
Married		Born in Australia	
Not-married		Born outside Australia	
6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)	ALL	Arrived before 1961	
Family member		Arrived 1961-1970	
Husband or wife		Arrived 1971-1980	
With dependants		Arrived 1981-1990	
Without dependants		Arrived 1991 to survey date	
Lone parent		7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL
With dependants		Born in Australia	
Without dependants		Born outside Australia	
Dependent student		Born in main English speaking countries	
Non-dependent child		Born in other countries	
Other family person			
Non-family member			
Lone person			
Not living alone			
Not determined			

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
7C BIRTHPLACE (2) Born in Australia Born outside Australia Oceania New Zealand Europe and the former USSR Germany Greece Italy Netherlands UK and Ireland Former Yugoslav Republics The Middle East and North Africa Lebanon Southeast Asia Malaysia Philippines Viet Nam Northeast Asia China The Americas Other(a) India (a) Includes Southern Asia and Africa (excluding North Africa).	ALL	11B ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK Registered with the CES and — Took no other active steps Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps Not registered with the CES and — Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps	ALL
8 AGE 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55 and over	ALL	11C ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job Checked factory or CES noticeboards Been registered with the CES Checked or registered with any other employment agency Advertised or tendered for work Contacted relatives or friends	ALL
9 WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK Looking for full-time work Looking for part-time work	ALL	11D ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS Registered with the CES and — Took no other active steps Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps Not registered with the CES and — Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps	ALL
10 DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT Under 1 year 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 8 weeks 8 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 1 year and over 1 and under 2 years 2 years and over	ALL	12 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB Would move interstate Would not move interstate Moving interstate would depend — On job conditions On other conditions Undecided	ALL
11A ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job Checked factory or CES noticeboards Been registered with the CES Checked or registered with any other employment agency Advertised or tendered for work Contacted relatives or friends	ALL	13 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB Would move intrastate Would not move intrastate Moving intrastate would depend — On job conditions On other conditions Undecided	ALL
		14 NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS None One or more One Two or more Two Three or more	ALL

DATA ITEM	POPULATION
15 ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK No vacancies at all No vacancies in line of work Considered too young or too old by employers Lacked necessary skills or education Insufficient work experience Too far to travel or transport problems Own ill health or disability Language difficulties Unsuitable hours Difficulties with child care Other family responsibilities Difficulties with ethnic background Other difficulties No difficulties at all	ALL
16 MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK No vacancies at all No vacancies in line of work Considered too young or too old by employers Lacked necessary skills or education Insufficient work experience Too far to travel or transport problems Own ill health or disability Language difficulties Unsuitable hours Other family responsibilities Difficulties with child care Difficulties with ethnic background Other difficulties No difficulties at all	ALL
17 NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS One Two Three or more	ALL
18 TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (Weeks) 1 and under 2 2 and under 4 4 and under 8 8 and under 13 13 and under 26 26 and under 39 39 and under 52 52 weeks	ALL

DATA ITEM	POPULATION
19A EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (1) With post-school qualifications Higher degree Post-graduate diploma Bachelor degree Undergraduate diploma Associate diploma Skilled vocational qualification Basic vocational qualification Without post-school qualifications Completed highest level of secondary school Did not complete highest level of secondary school Left aged 13 years or less Left aged 14 years Left aged 15 years Left aged 16 years Left aged 17 years Left aged 18 years or older Never attended school Still at school	ALL
19B EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2) With post-school qualifications Higher degree Post-graduate diploma Bachelor degree Undergraduate diploma Associate diploma Skilled vocational qualification Basic vocational qualification Without post-school qualifications Still at school	ALL
20 MAIN FIELD OF STUDY With post-school qualifications Business and administration Health Education Society and culture Natural and physical sciences Engineering Architecture and building Agriculture and related fields Miscellaneous fields Other Without post-school qualifications Still at school	ALL
21 WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME Had never worked full time Had worked full time	1

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
22A INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	24 USUAL GROSS WEEKLY PAY IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB (\$)	2
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		Under 80	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting		80 and under 160	
Mining		160 and under 240	
Manufacturing		240 and under 320	
Electricity, gas and water		320 and under 400	
Construction		400 and under 480	
Wholesale and retail trade		480 and under 560	
Transport and storage		560 and under 640	
Communication		640 and under 720	
Finance, property and business services		720 and under 800	
Public administration and defence		800 and under 880	
Community services		880 and under 960	
Recreation, personal and other services		960 and under 1040	
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years		1040 and under 1120	
Has never worked		1120 and under 1200	
22B INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	1200 and under 1280	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting		1280 and under 1360	
Mining		1360 and over	
Manufacturing		Not stated, don't know	
Electricity, gas and water		Non-Australian currency	
Construction		Payment in kind	
Wholesale and retail trade			
Transport and storage			
Communication			
Finance, property and business services			
Public administration and defence			
Community services			
Recreation, personal and other services			
23A OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	25A DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
Managers and administrators		Less than 1 year	
Professionals		2 and under 4 weeks	
Para-professionals		4 and under 8 weeks	
Tradespersons		8 and under 26 weeks	
Clerks		26 and under 52 weeks	
Salespersons and personal service workers		1 and under 2 years	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		2 and under 5 years	
Labourers and related workers		5 years and over	
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
Has never worked		Has never worked	
23B OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.	
Managers and administrators		25B DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
Professionals		Less than 1 year	
Para-professionals		2 and under 4 weeks	
Tradespersons		4 and under 8 weeks	
Clerks		8 and under 26 weeks	
Salespersons and personal service workers		26 and under 52 weeks	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		1 and under 2 years	
Labourers and related workers		2 and under 5 years	
		5 years and over	
		26A REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
		Job loser	
		Retrenched	
		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
		Own ill health or disability	
		Job leaver	
		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
		Other	
		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
		Has never worked	
		(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.	

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
26B REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	27 STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	1
Job loser		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Retrenched		Wage or salary earner	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies		Employer	
Own ill health or disability		Self-employed	
Job leaver		Other	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies		Has never worked	
Other			

SPECIAL DATA REQUESTS

JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, JULY 1994

Please specify your special data request(s) on the order form provided on the following page.

The following points should be noted when requesting special tables:

1. Table requests will be available on computer printout, floppy disk or microfiche.
2. The current cost of special tables is as follows —

No. of data items (excluding populations)	Cost per table (\$)
2	120
3	150
4	225
5	330
6 or more	negotiable

NOTE (i) Prices quoted are subject to revisions.

3. Return the completed **SPECIAL DATA REQUEST ORDER FORM** to —

Assistant Director
Labour Force Supplementary Surveys
Australian Bureau of Statistics
PO Box 10
Belconnen ACT 2616

or

Facsimile No. (06) 252 7784

4. The invoiced cost is payable in full within 28 days of supply.
5. Any inquiries about this order should be directed to Vicki Watson on (06) 252 7204.

TABLE NO.	DATA ITEM NO.	TABLE POPULATION	COST (\$)
Example: 1.	V4 (Sex) X V5 (Marital Status) X V8 (Age)	2	150

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NAME _____

ORGANISATION _____

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